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1. An airfield is located some 800 meters south of the Rusomberok (N49-05, E19-19) railroad station, on the eastern banks of the Revuca River, between the river and the Osada road and the narrow-gauge railroad line leading to Korytnica (N48-53, E19-18). The original track of the railroad line was moved eastward and skirts the east and south flanks of the field. The airfield is shaped like an irregular rectangle and measures 1,300 x 800 meters. The northern part of the field is tapered. A road leads from the Rusomberok-Banska Bystrica highway to the airfield, in an easterly direction.
2. The field has no runway. However, the take-off area is constantly rolled in a southwest-northeast direction. The area is surfaced with gravel, blast furnace slag and bitumen. The field is suited for heavy propeller-driven aircraft. During summer 1954 repeated landings of MIG-15s were observed on the field. The airfield has no taxi strips.
3. One aircraft parking area is located southwest of the north corner of the field, measures about 100 x 50 meters, and is cemented; another is located north of the narrow-gauge railroad line, along the southern flank of the field. This area measures about 200 x 200 meters.
4. The main power station for the area is in Rusomberok (Item 23 on sketch). Overhead power lines leading to Banska Bystrica pass near the field (Item 13 on sketch). A transformer station (Item 14 on sketch) is located along the west flank of the field, some 50 meters north of the place where the road branches off for the field. From this point the power for the airfield is transmitted via underground cables.
5. The rise to the south of the field is illuminated by a red neon light. Similar lights are located on the smoke stack of the paper mill near the Vah River railroad bridge, and on the peak of Hirova Hill.

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Buildings

6. The buildings dispersed along the north flank of the field include one hangar located 100 meters southeast of the northwest corner of the field, of reinforced concrete, 50 x 30 meters, with brick walls, rolling doors, and tar paper roof (Item 4 on sketch). Two other hangars, 22 x 15 meters each, steel, are located to the east of the above structure (Item 5 on sketch). A one-story structure, formerly used as the field headquarters building, is located along the west flank, some 200 meters south of the north corner of the field (Item 6 on the sketch). A warehouse (Item 7 on sketch) is located some 50 meters north of the above building.
7. The buildings located in the southern part of the field include a hangar measuring 120 x 65 meters, some 450 meters north of the southwest corner of the field (Item 8 sketch), and two hangars, measuring 85 x 55 meters each (Item 9 on sketch). The three hangars are half interred and covered with earth revetments. The airfield headquarters building and the guard post are situated on a bend of the road which approaches the field (Item 10 on sketch). A warehouse (Item 11 on sketch) is located to the northeast of the headquarters building. A barracks compound is located at the bend of the narrow-gauge railroad line and between the railroad and the Kut road. This compound consists of eight 35 x 15 meter two-story structures, two 50 x 25 meter workshop structures, and two one-story structures serving as warehouse facilities and garages. The entire compound is surrounded by a barbed wire fence 2.5 meters high.

Radio, Radar, and Meteorological Stations

8. There are two radio stations on the field. One is in the airfield headquarters building. The antenna, in the shape of an umbrella and measuring 2.5 meters in diameter, is mounted on a mast three meters high on the roof. The second station is located along the south flank of the barracks compound (Item 15 on sketch). This station has two 25-meter antenna masts, located about 40 meters apart (Sketch No. 2). Balconies are mounted on the upper parts of the masts and the masts are connected with antenna wires. The station proper is located in a blockhouse between the masts.
9. The radar station is located some 900 meters west of the western flank of the field, west of the Revuca River (Item 16 on sketch). The area surrounding the station is fenced in. The main part of the station consists of a one-story building measuring 20 x 10 meters. The radar umbrella (as shown in sketch No. 3) reportedly revolves only horizontally. The station is serviced by two officers and 20 men.
10. The field has no meteorological facilities other than wind socks and anemometers mounted in front of the hangars. Occasionally two balloons are released.

Fuel and Ammunition Storage

11. Motor fuels are stored between the small hangars (Item 5 on sketch) and the large hangar, north of the aircraft parking area (Item 2 on sketch). The storage facility (Item 18 on sketch) consists of a tank with a capacity of two car-loads of fuel. An additional storage facility, equipped with automatic pumps, is located 150 meters east of the west flank of the field, somewhat south of the road leading to the field (Item 19 on sketch). The central fuel storage facility is located as indicated in the sketch (Item 20 on sketch). Another fuel storage facility is located in the barracks compound (Item 12 on sketch), in an area of about 140 x 40 meters. This facility consists of two underground tanks and six tanks above ground, made of corrugated sheet and surrounded by earth revetments.

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12. Ammunition is stored in the corner of the barracks compound, in a corrugated sheet-metal building (Item 21 on sketch).

AA Emplacements

13. Concrete AA emplacements are located west of the airfield, on the north Hireva slopes. Details are not available.

Garrison

14. A Pilot Training School [] consisting of a headquarters company and training unit, plus the necessary personnel for correct operation. The school operates 6 Aero-45s, 4 Junaks, 2 Sokols, 3 Yak-3s, and 6 Yak-9s. After 50 flights, a student may solo. 25X1

15. An Aircraft Mechanic School [] consisting of a headquarters company, a training company and 200 air force personnel. Courses at the school begin 1 March of each year and terminate in February of the following year. The following subject matter is covered during a course: Aircraft engine fitting, fuselage construction, service and operation of ground crew signal equipment (with the exception of radar), repair of aircraft armaments, AA equipment, as well as all ground crew duties. The school performs all the necessary repairs to aircraft on the field. 25X1

16. An Independent Transportation Squadron [] consisting of a headquarters company (transportation, signals, workshops, AA machine gun unit) and three transportation flights of four aircraft each. The squadron has eight IL-2 and four IL-12B transport aircraft. 25X1

17. An Aircraft Service Battalion [] consisting of a guard company, workshops company, signals company, and a transportation company, and numbering 250 men. 25X1

18. Apart from the military units on the field, the facilities are also used by a school of the Czechoslovak State Aviation Society (Ceskoslovenska statni letecka spolecnost). The society trains CSM (Ceskoslovensky svaz mladese-Czechoslovak Federation of Youth) members between the ages of 17 and 22 in courses which take six months (three months practical training and three months theoretical training). Personnel of the aviation school includes five flying instructors, 20 mechanics, officers and noncommissioned officers of the Czechoslovak Air Force, civilian mechanics and 50 students per course. The school operates 3 Beechcraft Bestmann aircraft, 7 Sokols, and 2 Aero-42s. Class I and II pilot tests are administered to graduates of the course. Students are housed in workers quarters and are brought to the field in trucks.

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Key to Sketch of the Ruzomberok Military Airfield

1. Rolled take-off area
2. Northeast aircraft parking area
3. South aircraft parking area
4. Large hangar
5. Small hangars
6. Former field headquarters building
7. Warehouse
8. Large hangar
9. Small hangars
10. Present airfield headquarters building and guard post
11. Warehouse
12. Barracks compound
13. Overhead electric cables
14. Transformer station and cable branch-off points
15. Radio station in barracks compound
16. Radar station
17. Concrete AA emplacements
18. Motor fuel tank
19. Motor fuel tank
20. Motor fuel storage facility on the field
21. Ammunition storage
22. Supreme Army Headquarters ammunition warehouse
23. Ruzomberok power station
24. Tank troop barracks in Ruzomberok
25. Barracks
26. Army motor fuel depot

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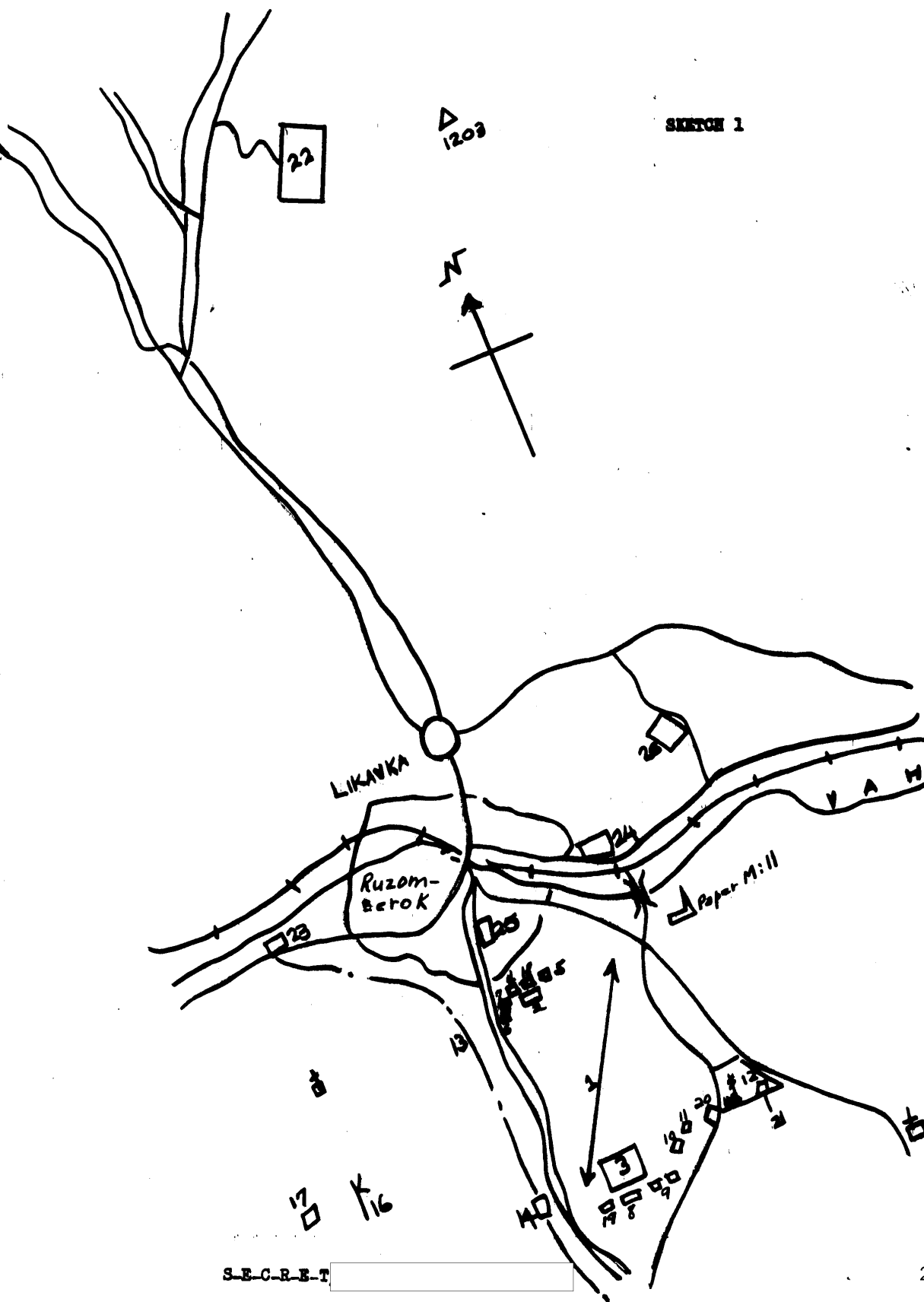
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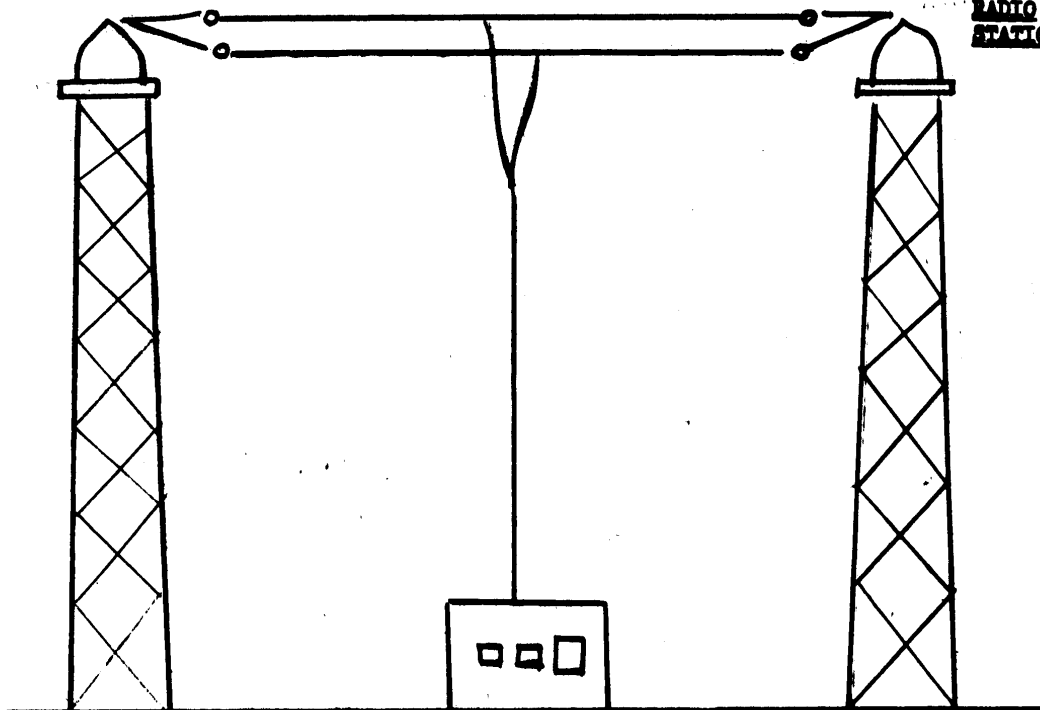
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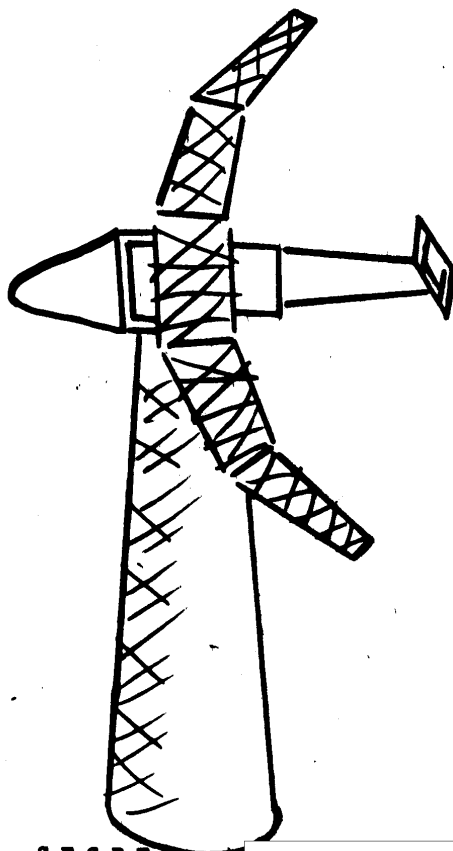
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Sketch 2
**RADIO
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